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Dear Mr. van Bergen:

This is the initial agency decision on your January 22, 2019 request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State, in which you requested various statistics concerning telegrams sent from 2000 to 2018.

The Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS) received your request on January 30, 2019. Your FOIA request was assigned the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request.

Based on our review of your correspondence, we have determined that we cannot process your request because the FOIA does not provide for the creation of documents, compilation of data, preparation of lists or analyses, or responses to questions posed as a FOIA request.

For further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison via email to FOIAstatus@state.gov or by telephone at (202) 261-8484.

If you are not satisfied with Department's determination in response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Appeals Officer, Appeals Review Panel, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS), U.S. Department of State, State Annex 2 (SA-2), 515 22nd Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100, or faxed to (202) 261-8571. Appeals must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this initial agency decision letter. Please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations set forth in this response.

Additionally, if you are not satisfied with the Department's determination in response to your request, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the FOIA Mediation Services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email address: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; facsimile: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "ES", written over a horizontal line.

Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services